

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 7, 2006. Claims 16-19, 21-24 and 26-29 are presented for examination, of which Claims 16, 21 and 26 are in independent form. Claims 20, 25 and 30 have been canceled, and their recitations incorporated into Claims 16, 21 and 26, respectively; this action is taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that Claims 20, 25 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended each of base Claims 16, 21 and 26 to include the recitations of Claims 20, 25 and 30 (except that the phrase “wait for a period of time” has been deleted), respectively, and consequently, these claims are seen to be in condition for allowance.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner

contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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